

REPORTS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR

1917



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1918



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Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1.—To elect three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, one Moderator, two Constables, two Auditors, and one Tree Warden all for one year. Also one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Sinking Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee, one School Committee, all for three years. Also to vote on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquor in this Town?" Yes or No. All on one ballot.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a Committee to expend the same.

ART. 4.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining Street Lights.

ART. 5.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town. ✓

ART 6.—To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

ART. 7.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other Committees and act thereon.

ART. 8.—To fix the amount of the salary of the Tax Collector.

ART. 9.—To hear the report of the Water Commissioners and act thereon.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of School Physicians.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build or repair sidewalks on South Main Street in Haydenville.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Fire Insurance upon its public buildings.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money in accordance with Chap. 707 of the Acts of 1914.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a bridge on Bridge Street, Haydenville and appoint a Committee of five to expend the same.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will appoint a committee to ascertain and record the names, rank and service of those persons from this Town who serve the Nation in this war with Germany.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect a repository for its road making machinery, tools, and other property or take any action in relation thereto.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:—

The Selectmen's report for the year ending December 31, 1917 is as follows.

APPROPRIATION FOR 1917.

Farm Bureau,	\$50 00
Highways and Oiling Road,	1,600 00
Contingent National Bank and Corporation Tax,	1,100 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Mothers' Pension Act 763, 1913,	800 00
Soldiers' Relief,	100 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Schools,	9,000 00 ✓
Library,	250 00
Interest,	1,000 00
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00
Hydrants and Water Tanks,	500 00
To Insure Public Buildings,	193 00
Street Lights,	1,856 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
School Physician,	115 00
Sidewalk, Williamsburg,	500 00
Haydenville Sidewalk, Main Street,	985 30
Haydenville Sidewalk,	500 00

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Under the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1910 the expense of the poor for the past year has been as follows:—

Total amount expended for Pauper Aid,	\$2,043 37
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AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Due for Subsidy Hospital for		
Consumptives,	52 86	
Due from City of Northampton,	2 00	
Due from State Board of Charity,	62 10	
Received from Individuals,	37 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,354 71

MOTHERS' PENSION—ACT 763 OF 1913.

Total amount expended,	\$1,300 84
Due from State, 1/3, \$433.61.	
Due from State case, \$44.00.	
Due from Northampton \$58.00.	

ALMONERS OF THE WHITING STREET FUND.

Amount received 1917,	\$369 88	
Balance from last report,	320 00	
	<hr/>	\$689 88
Paid 4 beneficiaries each,	\$5 00	
13 beneficiaries,	10 00	
1 beneficiary,	18 00	
1 beneficiary,	4 00	
1 beneficiary,	3 67	
1 beneficiary,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$227 67

SIDEWALKS HAYDENVILLE.

MAIN STREET EAST SIDE.

Paid Peter Aloisi,	\$1,357 00
Haydenville Co., cinders,	1 20

Paid Fred Warner, Inspector,	\$36 25	
Mark Walpole, labor,	16 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,410 95
Appropriation, \$985.30.		
Due from abuter, 298.50.		

MAIN STREET WEST SIDE.

Paid Peter Aloisi,	\$259 00	
William O'Brien, labor,	2 25	
W. Patteson,	10 30	
W. H. Riley, tile,	5 76	
Warner & Dolan, express,	80	
James Welch, labor,	2 25	
Fred Warner, Inspector,	8 75	
Thomas Vaughn,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$291 36
Appropriation, \$500.00.		
Due from abuters, 13.00.		

SIDEWALKS WILLIAMSBURG.

Paid Peter Aloisi,	\$560 00	
Frank Loomer, repairs,	3 38	
H. H. Nichols, repairs,	6 00	
M. Patteson, Engineer,	5 50	
Fred Warner, Inspector,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$599 88
Appropriation, \$500.00.		
Due from abuters, 107.00.		
Due Peter Aloiso,	\$39 60	

SPECIAL.

Paid W. M. Purrington, Insurance on		
School Buildings,		
Town Hall,		
Grange Hall,		
Store House,		\$180 45
Appropriation, \$193.00.		

FARM BUREAU.

Paid out,	\$50 00
Appropriation, \$50.00.	

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid George Cheney,	\$164 75
Appropriation, \$100.00.	
Received from State soldiers' exemption, \$31.59.	

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co.,		
for electric current,	\$1,833 67	
Lamps,	36 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,870 52
Appropriation, \$1,850.00.		

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Paid Dr. Hayes,	\$49 25	
Dr. Wheeler,	65 25	
	<hr/>	\$114 50
Appropriation, \$115.00.		

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co.,		
for electric current and meter		
charge for Williamsburg and		
Haydenville Engine Houses,	\$18 00	
Haydenville Fire Dept., Services,	40 00	
Williamsburg Fire Dept., Serv-		
ices,	40 00	
Byron Loomis, Services,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00
Appropriation, \$200.00.		

HIGHWAYS.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

H. H. Nichols,	Mark Walpole,
F. A. Shumway,	G. H. Thresher,
F. E. Sanderson,	Allen B. Adams,
H. W. Graves,	Harry Warner.

Paid M. P. Avery, labor,	\$16 88
Merrill Ames, labor,	4 00
R. D. Ames, labor,	3 75
Allen B. Adams, labor,	71 81
Ernest Browe, labor,	5 64
Aleck Bartofsky, labor,	31 00
Bradford Lumber Co., plank,	97 08
R. G. Bradford, plank,	133 76
Barret Co., patching material,	60 67
Barbau Sterdefent Co., grate,	7 50
S. A. Clark, labor,	3 00
William Chadwick, iron work,	31 53
L. H. Cranson, labor,	111 90
D. E. Clary, labor,	37 25
George Danscereau, labor,	14 40
Henry Danscereau, labor,	2 00
C. S. Damon, labor,	105 62
Thomas Dolan, labor,	34 84
Richard Dumphy, labor,	4 00
A. Everett, labor,	10 00
Foster-Farrar Co., supplies,	19 34
P. J. Grace, labor,	6 75
H. W. Graves, labor and supplies,	62 80
H. Goodwin, gravel,	4 30
E. P. Hemenway, labor,	80 87
J. J. Handfield, labor,	2 00
G. Harris, labor,	2 80
W. H. Harris, labor,	7 93
Mrs. H. N. Hinds, labor,	17 80

Paid Northampton Iron Works,	
castings,	\$16 75
Roswell Jorgensen, labor,	8 00
John Kenney, labor,	2 25
E. J. Knox, labor,	1 40
Byron Loomis, labor,	55 00
James Loud, labor,	27 50
Frank Loomer, labor,	119 59
A. E. Lawton, labor,	8 87
H. Lawton, labor,	75
W. H. Leonard, labor,	62
John S. Lane, trap rock,	51 69
Mrs. Joseph Mayott, gravel,	6 00
C. K. Merrett, labor,	30 00
F. Merrett, labor,	16 00
F. C. Miller, labor,	24 96
E. J. Miller, plank,	169 16
A. P. Miller, labor,	3 93
J. Molloy, labor,	4 00
J. Marble, labor,	36 02
Alfred Nichols, labor,	3 36
H. H. Nichols, labor,	318 47
Standard Oil Co., oil,	245 82
Charles O'Brien, labor,	2 00
William O'Brien, labor,	72 01
F. O'Brien, labor,	11 25
H. Pomeroy, labor,	7 50
M. D. Patteson, drawings,	43 70
Jesse Parenteau, labor,	13 00
Michael Quinn, labor,	2 55
W. J. Sheehan, supplies,	16 42
F. A. Shumway, labor,	86 00
L. M. Shumway, labor,	40 25
W. E. Shumway, labor,	3 25
Lewis J. Stephain, labor,	9 62
James Stone, labor,	38 00

Paid F. E. Sanderson, labor,	\$230 25	
Thayer Mfg Co., supplies,	4 48	
A. J. Tilton, labor,	3 38	
Jesse Trash, labor,	7 00	
G. A. Thresher, labor,	111 87	
Thomas Vaughn, labor,	39 38	
John Watling, labor,	2 25	
Warner & Dolan, express,	1 50	
Leroy Weeks, labor,	2 70	
Fred Weeks, labor,	1 40	
Charles Wells, labor,	5 00	
James Wright, labor,	7 00	
James Welch, labor,	84 66	
Richard Welch, labor,	3 00	
Mark Walpole, labor,	304 30	
Will Walpole, labor,	7 88	
Harry Warner, labor,	58 23	
J. Wade, labor,	33 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,431 64

AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAY.

Appropriation,	\$1,600 00	
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	632 63	
Street Railway Excise Tax,	810 17	
Received from State Highway		
Commission,	221 65	
	<hr/>	\$3,264 45

CONE BRIDGE.

The work that was started to construct a concrete Pier in Mill River under the Cone Bridge at Haydenville had to be abandoned before a footing could be obtained, due to the unprecedented cold weather.

Paid Bradford Lumber Co., lumber,	\$6 90
A. G. Cone, paint,	2 35
E. J. Knox, labor,	2 25
H. H. Nichols, repairing,	5 57

\$17 07

Due Potter's Sons & Co., cement, \$382 80

On hand from 1916, \$986.00.

Appropriation, 1917, 1,000.00.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Paid Peter Aloisi, removing trees,	\$66 44
Ladies' Aid, M. E. Church, food,	70
T. I. Breckenridge, coal, Town Hall,	10 50
John Breckenridge, inspecting animals,	36 75
G. M. Bradford, Auditor,	5 00
H. A. Bisbee, Janitor and Constable,	149 00
John Brown, trimming trees,	5 50
John Brown, Forest Fire Warden,	22 70
Bridgman & Lyman, cash book and index,	3 90
Stephen Burke, Registrar,	10 00
A. W. Brownell, Assessor notice and tax book,	11 20
R. F. Burke, stamped envelopes and supplies,	36 59
Cecil Bagnall, sundries,	3 10
Library Bureau, Phy-Reg-Forms,	75
Coolidge & Hemenway, advice	3 00
G. Clark, repair of W. Town clock,	10 00
Howard Clock Co., Haydenville Town clock,	15 00

Charles Chase, transfer for	
Assessor,	\$6 75
Charles Church, labor,	6 35
C. S. Damon, Assessor,	50 00
C. S. Damon, sundries,	2 55
C. R. Damon, Assessor,	50 00
George Dolan, Ballot Clerk,	6 50
B. L. Dobbs, Constable,	50 00
B. L. Dobbs, Janitor of Town Hall,	21 50
James F. Dunn, Ballot Clerk,	9 00
Henry Field, advice,	15 00
Haydenville Fire Dept., John	
Brown, Purrington School,	
Bay State and Forest Fire,	
Williamsburg,	20 75
Williamsburg Fire Dept.,	
March 12-20, May 9-11, and	
Bradford brush fire,	17 75
Foster-Farrar Co., locks and bolts,	5 65
H. P. Goddard, School Committee,	75 00
Town Hall, Masda lamps,	2 00
Hill Bros. Co., wood, Town Hall,	1 00
H. Hosford, Elector,	10 00
O. W. Hill, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
H. W. Hill, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
Bradford Lumber Co., wood	
Town Hall,	3 50
T. P. Larkin, Auditor,	5 00
Walter Leonard, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
E. Larkin, Ballot Clerk,	16 00
James Mansfield, Tax Collector,	300 00
John Mather, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
E. C. Miller, Ballot Clerk,	9 50
L. Molloy, sundries,	2 69
L. Molloy, Ballot Clerk,	16 00
Mather Bender Co., copy of	
town laws,	10 50

Paid Warner Nash, Special Police,	\$66 50
Harold Nash, care of watering trough,	1 00
H. H. Nichols, Ballot Clerk,	9 50
H. H. Nichols, Selectman,	100 00
Mert O'Brien, Special Police,	5 00
Herald Job Printing, tally sheets,	4 00
Gazette Printing Co., station- ery and printing,	17 50
Gazette Printing Co., annual reports,	66 50
Gazette Printing Co., ballots,	11 00
W. M. Purrington, Assessor,	60 00
W. M. Purrington, bonds,	38 00
M. Riley, Registrar,	10 00
H. A. Smith, School Committee,	75 00
Smith School, expense,	571 15
W. H. Thayer, Ballot Clerk,	16 00
F. Thayer, sundries,	1 47
John Trainor, Ballot Clerk,	12 50
John Trainor, enforcing Dog Law,	10 00
Thayer Mfg. Co., repairs, Town Hall,	4 24
New Eng. Telephone Co., expense,	36 78
F. J. Vining, inspecting meat,	83 00
Adelbert Waite, work on trees,	75
Frebon White, Ballot Clerk,	16 00
Warren & Hobbs, blanks,	2 47
Mark Walpole, Ballot Clerk,	3 00
Charles Warner, Ballot Clerk,	9 50
Harry Warner, Ballot Clerk,	6 50
G. H. Warner, School Committee,	75 00
Fred Weeks, auto to Brad- ford & Chabot fires,	6 00
	<hr/> \$3,083 46

AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$1,100 00	
Corporation Tax,	587 02	
Bank Tax,	573 63	
Smith School,	501 08	
Reimbursement of Taxes,	9 92	
Sundry Licenses,	92 00	
Inspection of animals,	13 38	
Received from rent of Town Hall,	112 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,989 03

A. G. CONE,

HALLECK H. NICHOLS,

MARK WALPOLE,

Selectmen of Williamsburg.

Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners

1917.

Feb. 15.	Cash on hand,	\$238 83
	Interest on bank deposit,	9 62
	Interest on bonds,	640 00
	From Town Treasurer,	1,000 00
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	Cash on hand,	\$1,888 45

ASSETS.

1918.

Feb. 15.	Williamsburg Bonds,	\$16,000 00
	Cash in Haydenville Bank,	1,888 45
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		\$17,888 45

BYRON LOOMIS,

HENRY W. GRAVES,

WILLIAM A. METCALF,

Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Assessors' Report

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate,	\$1,171,337 00
Value of Assessed Real Estate,	\$924,095 00
Value of Assessed Personal Estate,	247,242 00
	<hr/> \$1,171,337 00
Value of Assessed Buildings,	620,690 00
Value of Assessed Land,	303,405 00
	<hr/> \$924,095 00
Number of polls assessed,	549
No. of residents assessed on property,	390
All others (corporations, etc.),	63
No. of Non-residents assessed on property,	77
All others,	23
No. of persons assessed on property,	490
No. of persons assessed for poll tax only,	294
Rate total tax per thousand,	\$21 00
No. of horses assessed,	205
No. of cows assessed,	368
No. of neat cattle assessed,	202
No. of sheep assessed,	34
No. of swine assessed,	58
No. of fowls assessed,	2,660
No. of dwelling houses assessed,	421
State tax,	\$3,300 00

State Highway tax,	\$265 00	
County tax,	3,412 77	
Town grant,	18,220 01	
Overlayings,	498 01	
	<hr/>	\$25,695 79
Northampton Street Railway Excise Tax,		\$632 63
Bank and Corporation Tax,		1,160 65
Income Tax,		2,183 99

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Literary Institutions,	\$67,500 00	
Church Property,	53,900 00	
Petticoat Hill Park,	1,500 00	
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Estimated value of Public Build- ings, Water Works, Fire Apparatus, and Sinking Fund,		\$136,000 00
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. DAMON,

CHARLES R. DAMON,

WILBUR M. PURRINGTON,

Assessors of Williamsburg.

Report of Public Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Haydenville Public Library make the following report.

The number of patrons and of book withdrawals will average about as in the previous years.

For permanent improvement, cement steps and platform has been laid at the entrance of the library. Insurance on building has been placed at \$1,500.00 and contents \$1,000.00.

The new feature of a reading room available two evenings a week has been tried out and has proved very satisfactory. Especially to the younger element in the community. An average attendance on reading room nights have been from 12 to 25. It would seem highly desirable that a larger number of adults should avail themselves of the pleasure and profit of such a community betterment.

The financial report is as follows.

Paid H. R. Hunting Co., books,	\$34 73
Bridgman & Lyman, books,	40 34
Mrs. H. C. Chapin, magazines,	46 30
W. M. Purrington, Insurance,	15 16
Geo. F. Harlow, furniture,	7 00
F. W. Warner, labor,	6 75
Peter Aloisi, cement steps,	17 00
E. C. Miller, labor on steps,	3 00

Paid T. H. Ives, Librarian,	\$32 00	
Helen Hickey, Assistant,	23 00	
Bradford Lumber Co., wood,	2 50	
James A. Barrie, books,	18 00	
E. Cyrus Miller, wood,	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$250 03

Appropriation, \$250.00.

GEO. M. PAGE,

T. H. IVES,

E. CYRUS MILLER,

Trustees Haydenville Public Library.

Water Commissioners' Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand last report,	\$301 51	
Received for water rents,	2,686 98	
service connections,	44 00	
from town for hydrants,		
and water tanks,	500 00	
for use of pump,	1 00	
iron pipe,	28 44	
lumber,	7 00	
from F. T. Ley & Co., for		
damage to hydrant,	12 50	
for interest on deposits,	22 19	
	<hr/>	\$3,603 62

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Northampton Water Dept.,	\$7 36
The Haydenville Co., supplies,	28 91
Norwood Engineering Co.,	23 50
B. L. Dobbs, plumbing,	30 95
New England Plumbing Supply	
Co.,	18 25
Bingham & Taylor, supplies,	17 10
F. W. Thayer, supplies,	6 00
A. J. Polmatier, plumbing,	3 30

Paid George A. Thresher, care of reservoirs one year,	\$35 00	
M. D. Patteson, surveying Davenport land,	28 80	
Williamsburg Mfg. Co.,	1 20	
H. E. Bradford, labor and supplies,	88 25	
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., rent of crossing for water pipe,	1 00	
George A. Thresher, labor and supplies,	20 80	
John Molloy, labor,	19 05	
Richard Welch, labor,	11 40	
Lewis Stephens, labor,	23 10	
Charles O'Brien, labor,	12 35	
Philip McGowan, labor,	3 37	
E. Cyrus Miller, labor,	1 25	
Robert Mellors, labor,	3 75	
Lewis Welch, labor,	1 15	
E. A. Porter, labor,	3 00	
Henry W. Hill, Treasurer,	3,000 00	
Balance cash on hand,	214 78	
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GEORGE A. THRESHER,

H. E. BRADFORD,

E. CYRUS MILLER,

Water Commissioners.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	\$6,961	92
Received on Tax Levy of 1914,	1,380	34
Tax Levy of 1915,	3,442	36
Tax Levy of 1916,	3,417	28
Tax Levy of 1917,	19,972	18
Income Collins School Fund,	881	80
Income State Schools Fund,	865	99
Income Whiting Street Fund,	320	00
Temporary Loans,	25,000	00
Refund of Dog Tax,	125	74
Tuition of State Wards,	285	75
Tuition of City of Boston Wards,	179	25
Tuition of Town of Chesterfield,	200	00
Tuition of Town of Worthington,	50	00
Tuition of Town of Goshen,	25	00
Tuition of Town of West Fair- lee, Vt.,	33	75
From State for High School,	500	00
Supt. of Schools Fund,	350	00
Teachers' Fund,	275	00
Industrial School Refund,	501	08

Received State Corporation Tax,	\$587 02
National Bank Tax,	573 63
Reimbursement of State Aid,	436 00
Reimbursement of Tax losses,	9 92
Compensation Inspection of Animals,	18 38
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	824 14
Street Railway Excise Tax,	632 63
District Court Fines,	44 72
Individuals on Pauper Account,	37 75
Rent of Grange Hall,	35 00
Rent of School land,	5 00
Rent of Town Hall,	112 00
Water Commissioners,	3,000 00
Interest on Deposits,	286 05
Interest on Taxes,	354 54
Liquor License,	800 00
Highway Commission,	221 65
Sundry Licenses,	92 00
Sale of stone crusher,	400 00
State Income Tax,	2,288 09
Soldiers' Exemption Act,	31 59
Reimbursement Mothers' Pen- sion Act,	340 18
Edmund Fowler's Estate, balance,	6 56
Davenport Farm Loan,	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$77,904 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State Tax,	\$3,300 00
County Tax,	3,412 77
Temporary Loans,	25,000 00
School Site Loan,	700 00
Concrete Bridge Loan,	250 00
On orders of School Com- mittee,	12,923 89

Paid Highways and Bridges,	\$3,431 64	
Contingent Account,	3,083 46	
Street Lights,	1,870 52	
Pauper Account,	2,043 37	
Fire Department,	100 00	
School Physicians,	114 50	
Haydenville Library,	250 03	
Whiting Street Fund Acct.,	227 67	
Haydenville sidewalks,	1,702 31	
Williamsburg sidewalks,	599 88	
Hampshire County Farm Bureau,	50 00	
For Soldiers' Relief,	164 75	
For Insurance,	180 45	
Hydrants and water tanks,	500 00	
Under Mothers' Pension Act,	1,300 54	
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,000 00	
Interest on Loans,	1,188 22	
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00	
Memorial Day Expenses,	50 00	
State Aid,	394 00	
District Court Fees,	51 08	
State Treas., one-fourth Liquor		
License Fee,	200 00	
Repairs on State Highway,	265 00	
For J. Davenport Farm,	2,375 00	
Repairs on Cone Bridge,	17 07	
Assessors' Warrants, Abate-		
ment 1914 Tax,	62 22	
Assessors' Warrants, Abate-		
ment 1915 Tax,	125 50	
Assessors' Warrants, Abate-		
ment 1916 Tax,	124 75	
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Balance in Treasury,	8,845 67	
	<hr/>	\$77,904 29.

INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND.

Dividend on 20 shares of Northampton National Bank Stock,	\$240 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Hampshire Co. National Bank Stock,	100 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Mechanic National Bank Stock,	120 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank of Greenfield,	210 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank of Northampton,	147 00	
Interest at Haydenville Savings Bank,	64 80	
	<hr/>	\$881 80

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,	\$1,088 22	
Trustees Meekins Library,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,188 22

AVAILABLE FOR INTEREST.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Received Interest on Deposits,	286 05	
Received Interest on Taxes,	354 54	
	<hr/>	\$1,640 59

STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT.

Water Bonds,	\$50,000 00	
Less Sinking Fund,	17,888 45	
	<hr/>	\$32,111 55

TOWN ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury,	\$8,845 67
Due on Tax Levy of 1914,	208 10
Due on Tax Levy of 1915,	134 45
Due on Tax Levy of 1916,	1,438 70
Due on Tax Levy of 1917,	5,655 06
Due on State Aid Account,	394 00
Due on Industrial School Account,	285 57
Due under Mothers' Pension Act,	433 51
Sinking Fund,	17,888 45
Balance,	35,266 49
	<hr/> \$70,550 00

LIABILITIES.

Due Geo. Dansereau, 2 years salary,	\$300 00
Due Haydenville Savings Bank, Tax	
Loan,	13,000 00
Due Haydenville Savings Bank	
School Site Loan,	3,500 00
Due Meekins Library Trustees, Con-	
crete Bridge Loan,	1,750 00
Due Haydenville Savings Bank,	
Davenport Farm Loan,	2,000 00
Water Bonds outstanding,	50,000 00
	<hr/> \$70,550 00

TEMPORARY LOAN ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year,	\$13,000 00
May 5. Loan in anticipation of rev-	
enue,	25,000 00
	<hr/> \$38,000 00

May 5. Paid H. S. B., balance	
1916 Loan,	\$13,000 00
Paid H. S. B. on 1917 Loan,	12,000 00
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	\$25,000 00

Balance outstanding,	\$13,000 00
Bridge Loan outstanding,	1,750 00
School Site Loan outstanding,	3,500 00
Davenport Farm Loan outstanding,	2,000 00

STATE AID, 1917.

Paid January,	\$34 00	
February,	34 00	
March,	34 00	
April,	34 00	
May,	38 00	
June,	38 00	
July,	38 00	
August,	28 00	
September,	30 00	
October,	30 00	
November,	30 00	
December,	26 00	
	<hr/>	\$394 00

George H. Ames,	\$42 00	
Ellen Ames,	48 00	
H. A. Bisbee,	28 00	
Warren A. Flagg,	48 00	
H. H. Hitchcock,	48 00	
H. S. Leonard,	48 00	
Jane Richardson,	48 00	
Olive Warner,	44 00	
Anna W. Jordan,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$394 00

STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSES.

83 males at \$2.00 each,	\$166 00	
6 females at \$5.00 each,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$196 00
Less fees,		17 80
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Paid County Treasurer,		\$178 20

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

Williamsburg, Mass. Feb. 19, 1918.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Sinking Fund Commissioners and School Committee, and find them correct and properly vouched for, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

THOMAS P. LARKIN,

WILLIAM G. LOOMIS,

Auditors.

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1917.

January	17.	Ruth Judd Lloyd.
February	6.	Czeslaw Ainith Kmit.
	15.	Katherine Paul.
	18.	Joseph Kostek.
March	12.	Margaret Edith Clapp.
	15.	Apolonia Rosa Solywoda.
	18.	Dorris Julia Lanfair.
	26.	Waclaw Golasz.
	30.	Beulah Elizabeth Perkins.
April	2.	Wanda Golac.
	4.	John Walshe.
May	10.	Mildred Elizabeth Sylvester.
	14.	Anna Bai.
	16.	Norman Frederick Graves.
	20.	Edgar Noah Burdo.
June	6.	Annie Louise St. Laurent.
	21.	Aloysins Demerski.
	30.	Bronislava Taradena.
July	4.	Stanislaus Jablowski.
	17.	James Francis Molloy.
	28.	Annie Matnozki.

- August 1. Hans Rudolph Nietsche.
 21. Thomas Joseph Norman Stone.
 21. Stanislaus Wierstat.
- September 14. ——— Caragavelos.
 20. Frank Maxwell Taylor.
 30. Clyde Edmund Robarge.
- October 9. Mildred Mary Ferron.
- November 2. Ephstathos Samos.
 7. Eva Mae Hopkins.
 7. Edward Janokowski.
 9. Evelyn Sheibak.
 12. Henry Richardson Waite.
- December 3. Napoleon Lupine.
 6. Waclaw Golash.
 12. George Loren Tennyson.
 14. Anida Kayder.
 23. Bernice Elizabeth Bickford.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1917.

- February 19. Robert A. Nash.
 Sirena B. Dunham.
20. Harry H. Forsyth.
 Mary E. Warner.
22. Alexander Cook, Jr.
 Mabel A. Taylor.
- April 11. George P. Rushford.
 Ethel M. Smith.
24. James C. Ryan.
 Mary Teresa Molloy.
28. Leroy J. Handfield.
 Emma M. Lafrenier.

June	4.	Joseph M. Riley. Ida B. Dansereau.
	23.	Merton Parker Bickford. Tressa Alberta Dobbs.
	27.	Oakley E. Ames. Mary Catherine Murray.
July	2.	George H. Reynolds. Lucy O'Neil.
August	13.	William Harrison Shaw. Meda Harriet Wickland.
September	12.	Patrick S. O'Donnell. Katherine M. Riley.
	17.	Alfred Perras, Jr. Metile Fredette.
October	2.	Frank J. Mullaley. Susie M. Cranson.
	16.	Philip G. Cahill. Katherine G. Kearney.
November	10.	Luther E. Tyler. Margaret Kelley.
December	25.	Henry Elmer Washburn. Edith Margaret Hill.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1917.

Date	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 7.	Lucretia Tirzah Guilford,	81	2	22
21.	Margaret Truehart,	72		
Feb. 20.	Thomas Montgomery,	28	7	26
23.	Armenice Wattie,	83	1	15
Mar. 26.	Edmund Fowler,	86	1	24
31.	Emeline A. Burt,	71	10	11

Date	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Apr. 1.	Frank Walpole,	70	7	
2.	Dwight Ames,	32	6	29
18.	Marian Nash,	38	8	22
19.	Fred M. Brazill,	40	8	7
30.	Emeline L. Hills,	87	3	23
May 5.	Pierce Larkin,	33	1	6
7.	Maggie D. Dean,	67	8	19
11.	Louisa St. Laurent,	66	6	13
14.	Joseph St. Pierre,	50		
29.	Frank Schultzska,	57	5	4
June 3.	Mary Katsagani,	22		8
15.	Exseart Chabot,	36	10	8
15.	Annie St. Laurent,	40	3	6
23.	Julius Steffany,		6	9
July 15.	Victoria A. White,	73	4	9
Aug. 8.	Henry A. Bisbee,	79	11	3
10.	Thomas Edward O'Neil,	21	10	21
19.	Stephen Batura,		8	21
Sept. 29.	Bridget Burns,	77	9	7
Oct. 8.	Sarah M. Bradford,	91	7	4
11.	Margaret Mulvahill,	71		
12.	John G. Miller,	72	1	3
18.	Alex Demerski,	28		
Nov. 4.	Francis N. Lacy,	76	8	18
10.	Melissa Hunt,	77		
14.	Philip McGowan,	58	5	16
Dec. 7.	Olive R. Warner,	88	10	4
10.	Joseph Grumalski,	22	11	15
14.	Lizzie Aleva Arnold,	54	1	5

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL,

Town Clerk.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

FOR THE

Year Ending January 1, 1918

NORTHAMPTON MASS.
PRESS OF GAZETTE PRINTING CO.
1918

Report of School Committee

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1917.

We hereby submit our annual report, including reports of the Superintendent, Music Teacher, Truant Officers and Committee.

The High School has been in session forty (40) weeks and all others thirty-six (36) weeks.

Although the school appropriation was increased five hundred dollars last year, your Committee found it necessary to expend more than the appropriation and have overdrawn their account one hundred and twelve dollars and sixty-one cents (\$112.61) without making any extensive repairs.

Some of the buildings should be painted the coming year, outside of this, all buildings are in good repair.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. WARNER,

HENRY P. GODDARD,

HUBERT A. SMITH,

School Committee.

Treasurer's Report

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers and Retirement Fund,	\$7,864	00
Fuel,	1,138	83
Books and Supplies,	374	06
Repairs,	232	19
Music,	471	60
Janitors,	842	50
Superintendent,	790	00
Janitor's supplies,	91	56
Electric Current,	19	40
Cleaning,	38	00
Sundries,	143	25
Transportation,	918	50
	<hr/>	\$12,923 89

AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	\$9,000	00
Tuition from Town of Chesterfield,	200	00
Tuition from Town of Worthington,	50	00
Tuition from Town of West Fairlee, Vt.,	33	75
Income Collins School Fund,	880	80
Income State School Fund,	865	99
Tuition from City of Boston,	179	25
Town of Goshen,	25	00
High School Grant from State,	500	00

Superintendent's and Teachers' Fund,	\$625 00
Tuition of State Wards,	285 75
Rent of Grange Hall,	35 00
Rent of Land,	5 00
Refund of Dog Tax,	125 74
Overdrawn,	112 61
	<hr/> \$12,923 89

TEACHERS.

E. P. Larkin,	\$1,016 00
Mildred Pierpont,	293 00
Teachers' retirement,	19 00
Anna Dunphy,	536 00
Katherine V. Riley,	448 00
Rena B. Taylor,	412 00
M. Sydney Trow,	182 00
Teachers' retirement,	18 00
Lillian Ogden,	144 00
Teachers' retirement,	16 00
Myra Goodhue,	144 00
Teachers' retirement,	16 00
Ruby M. Burt,	208 00
Teachers' retirement,	16 00
Ruby Oliver,	144 00
Teachers' retirement,	16 00
Catherine Hayes,	176 00
Teachers' retirement,	16 00
Hazel M. Damon,	144 00
Teachers' retirement,	16 00
Dorothy Bosworth,	181 00
Teachers' retirement,	19 00
Nellie E. Dolan,	448 00
Ruth Warner,	168 00
Teachers' retirement,	16 00
Elizabeth Purrington,	392 00
Teachers' retirement,	32 00

Ethel Curry,	\$412 00	
Elizabeth Young,	182 00	
Teachers' retirement,	18 00	
Alice Plimpton,	200 00	
Esther E. Johnson,	200 00	
Elsie H. Witherell,	448 00	
Helen G. Ryan,	448 00	
Helen T. Kennedy,	220 00	
Minnie E. Chapel,	499 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,864 00

TRANSPORTATION.

Robert L. Rice,	\$216 00	
Northampton Street Railway,	275 00	
S. A. Clark,	233 50	
M. H. Smart,	80 00	
Henry Goodwin,	114 00	
	<hr/>	\$918 50

FUEL.

T. I. Breckenridge,	\$482 85
Lennihan Bros.,	375 32
J. R. Mansfield,	49 10
W. H. & E. W. Rice,	29 25
George Rood,	8 63
F. E. Sanderson,	33 31
A. L. Towne,	14 75
M. N. Adams,	7 50
W. N. Potter's Sons & Co.,	16 00
Byron Loomis,	20 00
J. S. Graves,	8 00
W. H. Warner,	16 00
Richard Breckenridge,	2 00
Henry Danscereaue,	4 50
Clinton B. Tower,	21 00

W. J. Sheehan & Co.,	\$4 10	
Bradford Lumber Co.,	10 00	
D. E. Clary,	33 12	
Mrs. F. L. Loomis,	3 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,138 83

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Mill River Electric Light Co.,	\$19 40
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SUPERINTENDENT.

E. W. Goodhue,	\$790 00
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BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Lyons & Carnahan,	\$13 30
S. Y. Gillern,	1 05
Wright & Potter,	4 90
Cambridge Botanical Co.,	2 16
Coburn & Graves,	3 96
Esterbrook Pen Co.,	9 00
Allen & Bacon,	7 20
McMillan Co.,	2 02
American Book Co.,	30 00
Silver Burdette Co.,	19 80
Ginn & Co.,	20 73
Educational Press Co.,	9 00
H. P. Goddard,	7 25
Sears, Roebuck & Co.,	7 75
Haydenville Co.,	70
L. J. Hammet,	7 22
E. E. Babb Co.,	111 28
Kingsbury Box Co.,	16 32
Houghton Mifflin Co.,	7 20
E. W. Goodhue,	36 93
Oval & Koster,	15 64

H. A. Smith,	\$1 49	
Boston Paper Board Co.,	30 00	
Warner & Dolan,	10	
Atlas School Supply Co.,	2 36	
Milton Bradley,	6 70	
	<hr/>	\$374 06

JANITOR'S SUPPLIES.

W. J. Sheehan,	\$13 91	
Armour & Co.,	6 17	
H. A. Wales,	4 50	
James Spear,	5 50	
Central City Chemical Co.,	22 24	
Japanese Tissue Paper Co.,	9 50	
J. A. Wattie,	15 00	
J. A. Sullivan Co.,	5 38	
R. F. Burke,	4 11	
F. W. Thayer,	5 00	
A. Bailey,	25	
	<hr/>	\$91 56

JANITORS.

A. Bailey,	\$480 00	
Richard Breckenridge,	12 50	
Mrs. M. H. Smart,	18 00	
Joseph Bartofsky,	5 50	
Alton L. Warner,	24 50	
Henry Danscereau,	280 00	
Benjamin Miller,	14 00	
Myra Goodhue,	2 00	
Carlton Ryan,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$842 50

MUSIC.

A. Schawber,	\$2 50	
Grace M. Larkin,	452 00	
Oliver Dittson,	5 10	
Ginn & Co.,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$471 60

REPAIRS.

F. W. Thayer,	\$6 17	
L. F. Woodruff,	191 13	
A. Bailey,	7 71	
F. W. Warner,	2 50	
Graves Bros.,	65	
Mill River Electric Light Co.,	3 40	
L. H. Cranson,	4 38	
Henry Danscereau,	9 00	
Bradford Lumber Co.,	5 45	
Robert Rice,	1 80	
	<hr/>	\$232 19

CLEANING.

Henry Danscereau,	\$35 00	
Robert Rice,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$38 00

SUNDRIES.

New England Tel. & Tel Co.,	\$16 86	
E. P. Larkin,	16 17	
T. P. Larkin,	1 80	
E. Cyrus Miller,	5 50	
Alice Plimpton,	3 42	
Warner & Dolan,	25	

Rena B. Taylor,	\$ 22	
A. Bailey,	25	
Arthur F. Lovering,	4 00	
Town of Williamsburg, water,	86 00	
G. H. Warner,	1 25	
H. A. Smith,	7 00	
Benjamin Miller,	37	
Elsie Witherell,	16	
	<hr/>	\$143 25

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Williamsburg:

GENTLEMEN:—

The following is submitted for your consideration and approval as the report of the Superintendent of Schools.

There have been no marked changes in the conduct or organization of the schools during the past year and their work has been well done. Because of resignations of teachers it was necessary to engage seven new ones for the beginning of the fall term in September. For all the difficulty experienced in finding candidates, good teachers were secured and there has been very little interruption of the regular course because of the changes, and very little difficulty has arisen in the conduct of the work. The attendance has been about an average with the exception of that upon one or two schools. While there has been considerable absence by reason of illness, no serious epidemics have prevailed, and while the report shows a slight decrease in percentage from last year it is largely due to the fact that several of the older pupils were excused from attendance to engage in farm and other necessary labor.

Owing to the small number of pupils remaining in the Nash Street neighborhood it was deemed best to discontinue the school there and carry the children to the Center. A school on North Street was opened in September

and there has been a good attendance on it. ^P While the number of pupils in the High School is less than for the past few years it is chiefly due to present unusual conditions, many who would otherwise have been in the school now being engaged in some sort of productive labor, when conditions again become normal there is little doubt but what the attendance will rapidly increase. The excellent character of the instruction given in this school and the fine spirit of loyalty and application to work shown by the pupils are so well known as to scarcely require mention. Athletic sports have been continued although at a considerable disadvantage occasioned by fewer candidates from which to select players. The record of games played is almost remarkable, considering the number of light weights and young people which took part in the contests. It is too often the case that many people regard organized athletics merely as a source of amusement and —fail to understand their educational value. Educators well know and acknowledge that when they are properly conducted and supervised they increase self-reliance, produce willing obedience to authority, create a spirit of emulation, and above all a strict observance of fairness and equity with a proper regard for the rights of all which is most valuable in the preparation for useful citizenship, and it may be added that the necessity for alertness and concentration of attention cultivates habits which are of much assistance in school work. For details concerning graduates of the school, composition of classes etc. reference may be made to the report of Principal Larkin following this.

Formal work in agriculture has been somewhat neglected for a time because of the many demands upon pupils and teachers occasioned by war conditions. Agent Gould of the Farm Bureau has promised to visit the schools regularly in the future for the purpose of organizing clubs and supervising their activities as well as the

work of a more general character, therefore regular instruction will soon be resumed. The School Industrial Club made a good showing at their annual public exhibition given in the Town Hall, being one of their best. A large number of citizens attended both afternoon and evening. Mr. Farley, State Director of Boys' and Girls' Club Work, gave an illustrated lecture which was helpful and much enjoyed. The pupils of the schools, under the direction of the music supervisor and their teachers, added much to the evening's entertainment by their singing. It is the wish of the club members to publicly thank the town for the use of the hall, the clubs and organizations which contributed to the prize fund and all others who aided in making the exhibition a success by their work and interest. In order that full benefit may be secured from this work it is increasingly necessary that more people help in organization, supervision and preparation of work. Every possibility of unfairness and fraud must be eliminated, a fraud permitted works an injustice to all and increases the probability of other frauds. It is also necessary that every exhibitor shall have the safe return of his property exhibited guaranteed, that he shall be protected from the loss or destruction of his exhibits by vandals and rowdies who often take advantage of opportunity to commit lawless acts.

War conditions have so far not affected the schedule of school studies to any great extent, but any considerable addition of outside activities connected with club and organization work may do so. There is a constant attempt on the part of many to take pupils from the schools to engage in some form of manual labor, while this necessity may arise, in which case we must meet it, it is well to remember that our first duty to the child is to give him a good school education. To sixteen years of age at least, his time can best be devoted to school duty and if he fails to so devote it it is probable the opportunity is gone for-

ever. After our military forces have done their part and peace returns, there will be greater need than ever for educated, intelligent and capable leaders and it is as much our duty to prepare for this time as now for war.

The demands upon Superintendent and teachers for information and service are now almost innumerable, nearly every mail brings one, or a request from some branch of the government or an organization. It seems to be taken for granted that we can furnish information relative to any part of the district immediately, ranging from an estimate of how much corn meal is consumed per capita to an inventory of personal property. We are more than willing to aid in every way possible but some of these inquiries, often duplicated, from private organizations must await our convenience or we must neglect our regular duties.

Teachers' meetings have been held frequently, the teachers conducting and arranging the programs for them. They have proved exceedingly interesting and helpful, being largely informal. Much experience is given and many workable plans devised for the better teaching of subjects and general conduct of the school work.

Owing to the abnormal cost of all material and labor only absolutely necessary repairs of buildings have been made, the damage caused by the freezing of steam pipes in the Williamsburg Center building and the unexpected necessity of placing a new furnace in the Haydenville house occasioned the chief expense of repairing. School books and all other supplies have so advanced in price that special efforts have been made to induce all pupils to economize in their use and eliminate all possible waste. This has resulted in a considerable saving in some directions. In this connection it may be well to mention that parents can aid greatly in this attempt by cautioning children against waste of food. Young children are apt to be thoughtless about waste and the waste baskets too

often contain considerable amounts of perfectly good and even untouched articles of food, the remainders of lunches.

It is very evident that the securing of desirable teachers is soon to be extremely difficult. When grammar school girls can secure positions in offices and shops which pay a salary ranging from ten to twenty-five dollars a week, not many college and normal school educated girls will be content with ten or twelve dollars a week for three-fourths of the year.

The State Board of Education, fully realizing the difficulty, and feeling that such a condition is unjust and practically relegates the education of our children to a secondary place, has before the legislature, bills which if enacted will considerably increase the minimum salary of all superintendents and establish one for all teachers, this, if it occurs, will still further increase our difficulties and require much increased school appropriations to overcome them.

Instruction in music has been continued under the supervision of Miss Larkin with very satisfactory progress, her report follows this and should be carefully read.

The number of resident pupils appears to be slowly but constantly growing smaller as indicated by the census, just why this is so cannot be exactly determined and the condition may be merely temporary.

When we consider the many extra demands made upon school officials, teachers and pupils by the exigencies of the present conditions, we may well congratulate ourselves that there has been so little interference with regular school work either by loss of pupils or interruption of the established courses.

Thanking all those who have aided him in the performance of duty by coöperation and generous support this report is respectfully submitted by

E. W. GOODHUE,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS 1916-1917

SCHOOLS						
	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Aggregate Attendance
Williamsburg High.....	33	37	61.10	57.42	93.98	10,827.5
Grammar.....	10	14	21.03	19.67	93.53	3,359.0
Intermediate.....	9	15	19.59	18.71	90.55	3,236.5
First Primary.....	15	14	22.23	20.48	91.67	3,541.5
Second Primary.....	17	15	26.23	24.84	94.70	4,301.0
Searsville.....	14	12	19.50	18.63	95.54	3,183.0
Nash Street.....	7	3	6.71	6.42	95.68	1,116.0
Mountain Street.....	10	3	7.43	6.19	83.31	1,059.0
Skinnerville.....	6	6	10.94	10.03	91.68	1,714.0
Haydenville First Grammar.....	17	9	21.69	19.87	91.61	3,439.0
Second Grammar.....	17	14	26.94	24.69	91.64	4,269.0
Intermediate.....	32	13	38.92	34.51	89.41	5,971.0
Third Primary.....	13	13	23.22	20.74	89.32	3,587.5
Second Primary.....	13	12	22.11	19.52	88.29	3,360.0
First Primary.....	29	25	41.63	34.66	83.26	5,963.5
Totals	242	205	369.27	336.38	91.09	58,927.5

Number of teachers employed,	17
Number graduated from college,	3
Number graduated from normal schools,	5
Number attending normal schools, not graduated,	3
Number graduated from high school only,	5
Number graduated from seminary,	1
Number of resident pupils attending school,	435
Number over sixteen years of age attending,	18

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—Herewith find my annual report of work as School Physician:—

Number of pupils examined,	193
Number of cases of adenoids and tonsils,	22
Number not vaccinated,	10
Number of cases of decayed teeth needing attention,	45
Number of cases of pediculosis capitis,	6

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WHEELER, M. D.

SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

Number of pupils tested,	370
Number found defective in eyesight,	27
Number found defective in hearing,	1
Number of parents and guardians notified,	27

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—Herewith please find my annual report as School Physician.

Whole number pupils examined,	173
Number of cases of decayed teeth,	26
Number of cases of diseased tonsils and adenoids,	7
Number of cases scabies,	2

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HAYES, M. D.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Herewith I submit a report of the organization and activities of the High School which may contain items of general interest to all.

There are now enrolled fifty-seven pupils, twenty-eight boys and twenty-nine girls, of these thirty-two are taking the college preparatory course and twenty-five the two years' English course.

Number of boys who have left,	4
Number of these working,	3
Number absent because of illness,	1
Number of girls who have left,	7
Number of these working,	3
Number absent because of illness,	1
Number attending the Commercial College,	1
Number who have removed from town,	2

Of last year's seniors, one girl is attending the Commercial College; one boy is at M. A. C.; of the three now helping at their homes, two will probably enter college

later. Of the two years' course, two are attending the Commercial College; the remaining nine are either helping at home or working in factories. One of last year's seniors, Joseph Goodhue, who entered the M. A. C. College, is now in the medical corps of the U. S. Army at the embarkation camp at Newport News, Va.

The school became a member of the Pro Merito Club of Western Massachusetts last year. Only those pupils who have attained a rating of eight-five per cent. for three or three and a half years are eligible to membership. The following pupils were chosen at the end of their junior year: Mevertte Smith, Maxine Rhoades, Edward Dolan.

A special effort has been made to instruct the pupils in the duties of citizenship and in thrift, and a practical application is made of the latter in the use of school supplies and the elimination of waste. The Community Civics class has devoted much time to the study of the series of pamphlets issued by the government, prepared for pupils by the food department at the suggestion of the United States Commissioner of Education.

In order to make a practical application of the suggestions relative to training in Citizenship the socialized plan of conducting the recitation is now employed in the class in ancient history. The class elects a chairman, a vice-president and secretary to serve for five consecutive days who have entire charge of the recitation. The great interest shown by the pupils in this plan has been noted by the superintendent and visiting educators who have highly commended it. The method has proved its value by its development of self-control, while the responsibilities lead to careful study and a good understanding of the rules of parliamentary practice, also it tends to correct the tendency to diffidence and bashfulness often shown by pupils and many such cases have been entirely cured and the individuals face the class and perform their duties with dignity and self-possession.

At the suggestion of the Superintendent, special attention has been given the study of the drama and Miss Burt is taking up her work in her English classes. An original drama may be produced in the near future for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross.

The following are the High School organizations: Home Economics Club; Debating Society; Girls' Athletic Association; Boys' Athletic Association; Junior Red Cross.

Application has again been made for the college entrance certificate privilege which the school has held continuously since 1914, during which time we have received notice of no failure of any of our graduates in college.

It may be of interest to parents to know that Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley Colleges have announced a new plan of admission which goes into effect in 1919. The new method will entirely replace admission by certificate. No change in subjects or the amount of work required is contemplated. Pupils wishing to enter any of these colleges must take four comprehensive examinations selected from the following groups: English or History; a foreign language; Mathematics or Chemistry or Physics; one subject selected by the applicant and approved by the Committee of Admission of the respective colleges.

In June a joint graduation will probably be arranged, owing to the small number of seniors to be graduated, seven in each course.

The following pupils have been present every school day since the opening of the school year: Raymond Burke, Robert Brown, Wilfred Graves.

The following is our athletic record for the year in which we take pride, and which we think fully justifies the generous action of the school committee in furnishing us with an excellent athletic field.

Our teams in baseball and soccer have been very suc-

cessful but owing to lack of a heated building in which to practice, our basketball team has not met with much success.

We won five straight games in baseball, getting 50 runs to our opponents 30. Six of Captain Dolan's team were in the 300 class as hitters. In a game with Hopkins Academy the boys made 26 hits against pitchers who had held down Amherst High School the previous week. The team was well balanced; strong men being Dolan, Goodwin, O'Brien, Ryan, and Healy.

We won seven games in soccer football, tied two games with the clever Hopkins' team, and lost one to Holyoke Valley league team by the score of 1 to 0. The Holyoke game was remarkable for the pluck shown by the local boys who were outweighed so much that it was the cause of many jokes before the game but not after. Captain Dolan played 'rings' around the well coached Holyoke men, but was forced to lose against the heavier opponents. The game was referred by the Holyoke coach, McKinstrie, who added five minutes to the second half in order to allow his team to score more goals. Coach McKinstrie stated that the local boys played a wonderful game of soccer. We were refused a return game besides having to pay expenses to Holyoke, but the game was worth it all. We made 41 goals to our opponents 4. Captain Dolan led with 14, Goodwin, 8; Ryan, 7; Burke, 4. Raymond Burke will captain the soccer team next season.

Thus far in basketball we have lost 3 and won 1, but we cannot expect to win, for our opponents have places in which they may practice at any time.

A shower bath placed in our building would be welcome and an aid to health.

The Selectmen have refused to let us use our own fuel during practice periods, 3 till 5 twice a week, so the hall is so cold and damp that it is dangerous to health. When

we had games in the hall we dressed in the High School and went through snow to the Town Hall, making it very dangerous for boys especially after the game. Many colds have been contracted. We should be allowed to use our own fuel, health being more important than a little fuel.

Athletic games not only provide sport for the boys, but also develop them in character and make them fit for future service to the country. President Wilson said he would be very sorry if the boys of the country had to give up athletics, for he considered them necessary to fit for the national defense.

E. P. LARKIN, Principal.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Superintendent E. W. Goodhue:

MY DEAR MR. GOODHUE:—With great pleasure I submit to you my report of the work accomplished in Music during the past year. There is no subject that has the power to bring forth the best that is in a child so quickly as the study of music. By it is developed his love for beauty, harmony, purity, kindness, patriotism and in general it lifts the child out of himself as it were.

It has always been my aim in presenting this subject to the pupils to make them love it; so much pleasure, in fact, is derived from this work that it is often regarded as a recreation period rather than a time of acute concentration and hard work. To attain the best results, unlimited energy, enthusiasm, concentration and real love for music are requisite and I am happy to say that we have a band of energetic, conscientious and enthusiastic teachers who fully appreciate the importance of music in the development of their pupils' character.

It is almost impossible to give an adequate account of

this work in a written report. To know its real value it is necessary to hear the children sing. It will be a far from tiresome task to hear them and to see them apply themselves to the work as it is presented. I feel certain if the parents realized how much pleasure it gives the pupils to have visitors and "to show off" what they can do, they would feel amply repaid for any slight exertion it might have necessitated on their part to make this visit.

The brightness which our little first grade pupils display in reading music from the blackboard, and the pleasing manner in which they sing some fifty new songs each year will no doubt surprise and please you. A large number of Motion Songs are used in this grade, this being the best possible way to impress upon them the meaning of the words.

The second grade pupils add about forty new songs to their repertoire, and read very readily exercises from the board, knowing from the first grade how to sing the quarter, half, dotted-half and whole notes with the eighth notes here added. This work plus learning the names of the lines and spaces furnishes ample material to keep the young folk busy throughout the year.

When we reach the third grade, the third time motion represented by a dotted-quarter and an eighth note is added. The finding of Do from the signature, the names of the whole fifteen keys in music and thirty or more new songs constitute the work for this period of the child's musical training.

Next comes the fourth and fifth grades, where we introduce song books, two-part singing, chromatic tones and arithmetic in music. The value of these separate steps in the musical education of our children can hardly be appreciated without demonstration.

The sixth grade is an important grade in so far as it lays the foundation of much of the higher study of harmony, music appreciation and composition. Here we

furnish our pupils with a knowledge of the correct position of sharps and flats in all keys, the use of all chromatic characters, the writing of chromatic scales, four new time motions, two forms of triplets and the four sixteenth notes, also a dotted eighth and a sixteenth.

The seventh grade adds the knowledge of syncopation, the lives of famous composers and the singing of three-part selections besides a thorough review of all the theory work.

The eighth grades are taught how to read in the tenor and bass clefs and how to write major and minor scales.

From this brief summary of the work in the grades, it can be readily seen that with the knowledge thus inculcated and the training under the guidance of the daily teacher who carries out the instructions given by the supervisor in this branch, our pupils receive a good musical training.

When the High School is reached the pupils are well prepared to go on with more difficult four-part singing. Great care is always taken in selecting the song material that it may come within the easy range of the various voices, that the music may appeal to the æsthetic sense of the child and that the words may be of an elevating standard.

The singing at the Commencement Exercises last June proved that the High School students applied themselves in a most gratifying manner to the music selected for the occasion. Great interest is being manifested in the organization of an orchestra which we trust may demonstrate its excellence at Commencement time this year. The exhibition of the singing in the grade school at the various Christmas Exercises was deserving of much praise for both the pupils and their teachers.

I wish to urge the parents once again most heartily to visit us more frequently; it helps and pleases both the pupils and the teachers to have the parents display a keen interest in the school life of their children.

For the teachers who have been with us I have only words of the highest esteem and appreciation for their splendid coöperation. To the new teachers I wish to express also my gratitude and commendation.

Mr. Superintendent and Members of the School Board, and all who have helped to make this branch of our school work a success, I wish to thank most heartily.

Very truly yours,

GRACE M. LARKIN.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

Helen E. James School Building, June 27, 1917.

CLASS MOTTO, Four Years' Course, "Nihil sine Labore."

PROGRAM.

Song,	High School Chorus
Prayer,	Rev. John Pierpont
Salutatory,	Gladys M. Damon
Song,	Girls' Glee Club
Class History,	Fay R. Page
Class Prophecy,	Estella M. Dolan
Prophecy on Prophetess,	Theresa M. Brazil
Song,	High School Chorus
Class Oration, "Patriotism"	Roswell H. Merritt
Essay, "Women and the War"	Agnes N. Novacek
Valedictory,	Pearl Anderson
Song,	High School Chorus
Announcement of Prizes,	Prin. E. P. Larkin
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. E. W. Goodhue
Benediction,	Rev. Robert H. Life

CLASS OFFICERS.

FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

President, Joseph G. Goodhue.
 Vice-President, Theresa M. Brazil.
 Secretary, Gladys M. Damon.
 Treasurer, Pearl Anderson.

MEMBERS OF CLASS.

(Those whose names are starred are Pro Merito
 members.)

*Pearl Anderson,	*Fay Russell Page,
*Gladys Merritt Damon,	Agnes Ninette Novacek,
*Estella Margaret Dolan,	Roswell Herbert Merritt,
*Theresa Mae Brazil,	Joseph Gale Goodhue.

Class Colors, Blue and White.

Class Flower, Red Rose.

Helen E. James School Building, June 28, 1917.

PROGRAM.

CLASS MOTTO, Two Years' Course, "Strive for the
 Highest."

Song,
 Prayer,
 Salutatory,

High School Chorus
 Rev. John Pierpont
 Murray S. Graves

Song,	Girls' Glee Club
Class History,	Mildred F. Wells
Class Prophecy,	Ralph J. Tilton
Prophecy on Prophet,	Donald P. Nash
Song,	High School Chorus
Class Oration, "Value of a Sacrifice to a Nation"	Maurice R. Jenkins
Essay, "The American Negro as a Soldier"	George D. O'Brien
Valedictory,	George A. Munson
Song,	High School Chorus
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. E. W. Goodhue
Benediction,	Rev. Robert H. Life

CLASS OFFICERS.

TWO YEARS' COURSE.

President, George Dennis O'Brien.

Vice-President, Murray Sheldon Graves.

Secy. and Treasurer, Mildred Frances Wells.

MEMBERS OF CLASS.

George Albert Munson,	George Dennis O'Brien,
Murray Sheldon Graves,	Philip Donald Cheney,
Ralph Joseph Tilton,	Maurice Ralph Jenkins,
Donald Parsons Nash,	Rozella Ice,
Mildred Frances Wells,	Carmen Damon.

Class Colors, Purple and White.

Class Flower, Yellow Rose.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1918-1919.

1918.

September 3,—First term begins.

November 28, 29,—Thanksgiving Recess.

December 20,—First term closes.

1919.

January 6,—Second term begins.

March 14,—Second term of grade schools closes.

March 21,—Second term of High School closes.

March 31,—Third term begins.

May 30,—Memorial Day, Holiday.

June 6,—Third term of grade schools closes.

June 27,—Third term of High School closes.

Days to be observed with appropriate exercises.

February 12,—Lincoln's Birthday.

April 11,—For Band of Mercy Day.

May 16,—For Peace Day.

May 29,—Patriotic Exercises.

June 4,—Flag Day.

Arbor Day.

This calendar is subject to change by the School Committee.

Teachers are expected to follow the calendar strictly unless otherwise instructed by the School Committee or Superintendent.

Teachers closing school for an entire session on other than regular holidays for any reason, will notify the Superintendent of Schools in advance if possible.

